

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A toy, comprising:

a ball, said ball comprising:

a spherical, rare earth magnet, said spherical rare earth magnet having a first magnetic field, wherein said first magnetic field is of sufficient strength to attract the ball to a proximate ferrous material and to provide a reaction of the ball to a proximate magnetic source having a second magnetic field, said reaction being selected from the group consisting of attraction and repulsion, and

an elastic shell encompassing the spherical rare earth magnet, said elastic shell providing sufficient elasticity for causing the ball to bounce upon impact of the ball with a solid surface; wherein said first magnetic field is of sufficient strength to overcome said elasticity when said solid surface is comprised of materials selected from the group consisting of ferrous material and magnetic material.

2. (original) The toy of claim 1, wherein the spherical rare earth magnet comprises a neodymium iron boron (NdFeB) magnet.

3. (original) The toy of claim 1, wherein the spherical rare earth magnet comprises a samarium cobalt (SmCo) magnet.

4. (original) The toy of claim 1, wherein the spherical rare earth magnet comprises an aluminum nickel cobalt (AlNiCO) magnet.

5. (original) The toy of claim 1, wherein the elastic shell comprises an elastopolymer.

6. (original) The toy of claim 1, wherein the elastic shell comprises a polymer foam.

7. (original) A game for a player to bounce a ball against a solid surface and toward a target, the game comprising:

a ball comprising a spherical, rare earth magnet having a magnetic field, and an elastic shell encompassing the spherical rare earth magnet, said elastic shell providing sufficient elasticity for causing said ball to bounce upon impact of said ball with said solid surface; and

a target layer ~~having a magnetic attractive capacity~~ comprising material selected from the group consisting of ferrous material and magnetic material;

wherein said magnetic field is of sufficient strength to overcome said elasticity when said ball impacts said target layer and to cause said ball to magnetically attach to said target layer when said ball and said target layer come in contact with each other.

8. (new) The toy of claim 1, wherein said ball is generally spherical.

9. (new) The toy of claim 8, wherein said elastic shell is formed from two generally hemispherical portions.

10. (new) The game of claim 7, wherein said target layer comprises a non-metal sheet with an image printed thereon, said sheet being temporarily mounted to a surface comprising material selected from the group consisting of ferrous material and magnetic material.

11. (new) The game of claim 7, the target layer comprising a sheet of metal with an image printed thereon.

12. (new) The game of claim 7, the target layer having goals formed therein.

13. (new) The game of claim 12, wherein at least one of said goals has a magnetic polarity.

14. (new) The game of claim 7, wherein said target layer comprises a plurality of ferrous portions.

15. (new) The game of claim 7, wherein said target layer comprises a plurality of magnetic portions.

16. (new) A method of playing a game, the method comprising:
bouncing a ball off of a solid surface toward a target, the target comprising material selected from the group consisting of ferrous material and magnetic material;
wherein said ball comprises a spherical rare earth magnet and an elastic shell encompassing the spherical rare earth magnet.